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REALISTICALLY, I FORESEE LITTLE CHANCE OF COMING OUT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE CBMS AREA WITH ANYTHING MORE THAN ANODYNE LANGUAGE CALLING FOR IMPORVEMENT IN IMPLEMENTATION BETWEEN BELGRADE AND MADRID. EVEN THAT MAY BE MORE THAN SOVIETS WILL AGREE TO. HOWEVER, FOR TACTICAL REASONS, I BELIEVE WE SHOULD TELL THE NNAS THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE NEW NNA PROPOSAL AS A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS, SUBJECT TO THE CAVEAT THAT THERE ARE ELEMENTS NOT ENTIRELY ACCEPTABLE TO US BUT RECOGNIZING THAT THIS NEW EFFORT IS A CONSTRUCTIVE ONE. (AS REPORTED REFTELS, NEW NNA DRAFT PROVIDES FOR AGREEMENT ON SOME NEW SUBSTANTIVE OBLIGATIONS CONFIDENTIAL.

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HERE, WITH REMISSION OF CERTAIN OTHER WORK TO AN EXPERTS GROUP.) GIVEN THE SOVIET POSITION, I DO NOT BELIEVE WE WILL GET TO THE POINT OF SERIOUS DETAILED NEGOTIATION OF THIS PROPOSAL. IF WE DO, I WILL HAVE MORE DETAILED COMMENTS AT THAT TIME. GOLDBERG

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